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REF: A. WARSAW 8246, B. TIAS 8164

- 1. ON NOVEMBER 16, DURING A CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, MR. BOGDAN KUZNICKI, DIRECTOR, POLISH SOCIAL SECURITY ENTERPRISE (ZUS), COMMENTED ON THE NEW EXCHANGE PROCEDURES FOR US ANNUITANTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978.
- 2. KUZNICKI SAID THAT ONLY HIS OFFICE IN WARSAW WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE THE CHECKS, AND EACH ANNUITANT WILL HAVE TO SEND HIS CHECK TO ZUS. HE ASKED IF THE EMBASSY WOULD GIVE HIM A COMPLETE LIST OF US ANNUITANTS NOW LIVING IN POLAND SO THAT HE COULD SEND LETTERS TO ALL THEM DESCRIBING THE NEW SYSTEM. WITH SUCH A LIST, HE SAID, HE COULD PERHAPS GIVE AUTHORIZATION TO BANKS IN OTHER TOWNS TO EXCHANGE THE CHECKS.
- 3. KUZNICKI SAID PENSIONERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BUY PKO COUPONS FOR ANNUITY CHECKS WHEN THEY CASH THEM. THE EXCHANGE RATE WILL BE 33.20 ZLOTYS TO ONE DOLLAR, THE SAME RATE GIVEN OTHER THIRD-COUNTRY PENSIONERS. HE ADDED THAT US ANNUITANTS WILL BE ENTITLED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SAME MEDICAL AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR WHICH POLISH PENSIONERS ARE ELIGIBLE.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING A LIST OF OUR ANNUITANTS TO THE POLISH AUTHORITIES, SINCE THE REQUEST IS CLEARLY DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE GOP'S ACCESS TO THE ANNUITANTS-AND THEIR CHECKS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT THE LANGUAGE OF

THE AGREEMENT (TIAS 8164, PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH 5.B) DOES NOT INDICATE THAT OUR ANNUITANTS MUST EXCHANGE THEIR CHECKS AT ZUS; RATHER, THE LANGUAGE MERELY INDICATES THAT THE POLES WILL PERMIT THEM TO DO SO. END COMMENT.

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